River and station	Flood stage	Above flood stages—dates		Crest	
		From—	То—	Stage	Date
ATLANTIC DRAINAGE—continued	Feet			Feet	
Haw: Moncure, N. C	22 7	12 20	(¹)	22. 9 9. 3	30, 3
Peedee: Cheraw, S. C	27	2 12	3 14	31. 0 34. 0	1
Mars Bluff, S. C.	17	19 3 14	26 11 30	34, 9 20, 2 23, 2	2
ynches: Effingham, S.C	14 12	18 17	28 28	17. 1 15. 1	21, 2 21, 2
antee: Rimini, S. C. Farguson, S. C. Satawba: Catawba, S. C.	12 12	(2) (2)	(1) (1)	23. 8 17. 1	2 2
Vatawba: Catawba, S. C	12 24	20 12	20 14	12. 5 27. 5	1
Congaree: Columbia, S. C	15	19 2 12	22 2 13	31. 0 16. 0 18. 5	2
Broad: Blairs, S. C.	15	18 1 11 11 18	22 2 14 21	23, 5 17, 5 19, 9 20, 9	1 2
aluda: Pelzer, S. C	7	10 1 11	1 13	7. 0 8. 2	1
Chappells, S. C	14	18 18 1 11	21 3 14	8. 8 16. 5 18. 9	2
savannah: Augusta, Ga	32	17 12 18	23 12 21	20. 5 32. 2 36. 5	1 2
Broad: Carlton, Ga	11	12 18	12 20	16. 0 17. 0	]
Oconee: Milledgeville, Ga	22	1 11 17	. 13 . 23	22. 9 29. 3 36. 7	]
Dublin, Ga	22	14 18	15 25	23. 4 29. 8	
Macon, Ga	18	11 17	13 22	19. 8 27. 5	1
Hawkinsville, Ga	29 11 15	. 19 4 16	(1) (1)	36. 7 20. 3 26. 0	
EAST GULF DRAINAGE				:	
palachicola: River Junction, Fla	15	4 12	(1)	15. 0 32, 1	:
Blountstown, Fla	20 10	14		27. 9 16. 7	2
Woodbury, Ga	20 20	17 19 13	21 23 29	25, 0 36, 6	
Albany, Ga	25 20	15 17	(¹) 20	<sup>3</sup> 39, 6 24, 6	1
Columbus, Ga Eufaula, Ala	20 40	12	13	45, 6 43, 0	1
Alaga, Ala	30	17 12	23 25	4 59, 8 44, 5	. :
Montgomery, Ala Selma, Ala	35 35	17 17	26 28	53. 4 53. 6	22, 2
'allapoosa: Milstead, Ala coosa:	40	17	20	47. 0	. 1
Gadsden, Ala Lock No. 4, Lincoln, Ala	22 17 45	20 18 18	24   26 23	23. 4 19. 7 52. 9	21, 2
Wetumpka, Ala towah: Canton, Ga ahaba: Centerville, Ala	11 25	18 18 17	19 19	13. 8 29. 1	i
ombigbee: Lock No. 4, Demopo- lis, Ala Black Warrior: Lock No. 10, Tus-	39	16	29	53. 0	2
caloosa, Ala	46 20	18 19	21 25	54. 7 21. 5	1 2
hickasawhay: Enterprise, Miss Shubuta, Miss eaf: Hattiesburg, Miss	21 27 19	18 20 18	21 24 21	29. 6 32. 6 21. 3	1 2 2
earl: Edinburg. Miss	21	21	22	21. 0	21, 2
Jackson, Miss Monticello, Miss Columbia, Miss	20 18 18	18 18 17	30 22 25	28. 8 21. 6 23. 7	1
Columbia, Miss logue Chitto: Franklinton, La Yest Pearl: Pearl River, La lolston, North Fork: Mendota,	16 13	18 19	(¹)	18. 8 17. 1	1 2
Va	8	1 12	(1) 12	8. 0 9. 0	1
PACIFIC DRAINAGE Fillamette:			ļ		  -
Eugene, Oreg	12	(2)	(8) (1)	14. 0	Dec. 3

Continued at end of month. Continued from last month,

## MEAN LAKE LEVELS DURING JANUARY, 1925

By United States Lake Survey

[Detroit, Mich., February 4, 1925]

The following data are reported in the "Notice to Mariners" of the above date:

	Lakes				
Data	Superior	Michigan and Huron	Erle	Ontario	
Mean level during January, 1925: Above mean sea level at New York Above or below—	Feet 601. 12	Feet 578. 24	Feet 570. 62	Feet 244, 22	
Mean stage of December, 1924 Mean stage of January, 1924 Average stage for January, last 10	-0.30 -0.48	-0. 24 -0. 34	-0.16 -0.65	-0.36 -0.55	
years Highest recorded January stage Lowest recorded January stage	-0.91 -1.66 +0.24	-1.51 -4.43 -0.34	-0.94 -2.93 -0.34	-0.98 -3.38 +0.42	
Average relation of the January level to— December level. February level		( <sup>3</sup> )	-0.1 +0.1	(2) · (2)	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Lake St. Clair's level: In January, 1925, 573.04 feet.
<sup>2</sup> Practically no difference.

## EFFECT OF WEATHER ON CROPS AND FARMING OPERATIONS, JANUARY, 1925

By J. B. KINCER

General summary.—In the Southeastern States, the first and middle parts of the month were unfavorable for farm work because of frequent rainfall, and soon after the middle excessive rains occurred in parts of this area which caused flooding of lowlands and washing of fields. The high waters were especially bad in central and southern Georgia where there was much damage to truck crops. Considerable plowing was accomplished in the west Gulf section, and during the latter part of the month the warmer weather and generally lighter precipitation permitted much outdoor work in Central and Northern States.

A good snow cover was present during most of the month over much of the principal wheat-producing area, which was generally favorable for grains and grass, but at the same time the snow-covered range was rather unfavorable for stock interests in many grazing districts of the West.

Small grains.—The weather of January was generally favorable for winter wheat and other fall-sown grains. There was some complaint of alternate thawing and freezing in the extreme lower Great Plains and parts of the Ohio Valley, but most of the principal Wheat Belt had a good snow cover practically throughout the month. During the latter part much snow disappeared in the central Mississippi Valley and Great Plains and many wheat fields had become bare, but no severe injury from cold was noted, and the ice sheet that persisted over Missouri, west-central Illinois, and parts of the western Lake region apparently did no great amount of harm. Cereal crops made fairly good progress in the Southern States, except in the Southwest where it was too dry, and they were favorably affected by the weather in the Pacificcoast districts.

Ranges, pastures, and livestock.—An unusual amount of feeding of livestock was necessary during the month over the western grazing districts, made necessary by the snow-covered range and, in some sections, by the cold weather. The latter part of the month was more favorable in the Northwest and considerable range was made available, but the long previous period of cold weather

<sup>Probably too high.
Below flood stage at 8 a. m., Jan. 1, 1925.</sup> 

in central Rocky Mountain sections had been hard on stock, which had become thin and weak with some losses reported. The range continued to fail gradually in the more southwestern districts because of the absence of moisture.

Fruit.—Late reports indicated that considerable damage was done to citrus fruit by frost in California during the last week in December, and that limes and lemons were harmed in the lower Rio Grande Valley. In Florida the weather was mostly favorable for citrus; the increased moisture the latter part of the month stimulated growth of trees. Peach buds were damaged somewhat in southern Indiana, and there was some complaint of harm by the cold in the central Rocky Mountain area. Otherwise the month was generally favorable for fruit.

Miscellaneous crops.—In the Southeastern States winter truck made fairly good progress under the influence of weather which was mostly mild and moist. It was unfavorable for planting, however, during much of the month, because of frequent rains and wet soil, while in Florida it was rather too warm for the hardier varieties of truck. In west Gulf districts conditions were less favorable because of damaging cold early in the month, and, in sections not irrigated, because of continued dryness. At the close of the month potatoes had been mostly planted in Florida and much of the early crop was up, though germination was unsatisfactory locally. Conditions were favorable in the far Southwest, and minor crops did well in Pacific-coast districts.

## CLIMATOLOGICAL TABLES

## DESCRIPTION OF TABLES AND CHARTS

Table I gives the data ordinarily needed for climatological studies for about 176 Weather Bureau stations making simultaneous observations at 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. daily, 75th meridian time, and for about 37 others making only one observation. The altitudes of the instruments above ground are also given.

Table II gives, for about 35 stations of the Canadian Meteorological Service, the means of pressure and temperature, total precipitation, and depth of snowfall, and the respective departures from normal values except in the case of snowfall. The sea level pressures have been computed according to the method described by Prof. F. H. Bigelow in the Review of January, 1902, pages 13-16.

Chart I.— Tracks of centers of anticyclones; and Chart II.—Tracks of centers of cyclones. The Roman numerals show the chronological order of the centers. The figures within the circles show the days of the month; the letters a and p indicate, respectively, the observations at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., 75th meridian time. Within each circle is also given (Chart I) the last three figures of the highest barometric reading, or (Chart II) the lowest reading reported at or near the center at that time, and in both cases as reduced to sea level and standard gravity. The inset map in Chart I shows the departure of monthly mean pressure from normal and the inset in Chart II shows the change in mean pressure from the preceding month.

Chart III. - Temperature departures. This chart presents the departures of the monthly mean surface temperatures from the monthly normals. The shaded portions of the chart indicate areas of positive departures and unshaded portions indicate areas of negative departures. Generalized lines connect places having approximately equal departures of like sign. This chart of monthly surface temperature departures in the United States was first published in the Monthly Weather

REVIEW for July, 1909.

Chart IV.— Total precipitation. The scales of shading with appropriate lines show the distribution of the monthly precipitation. The inset on this chart shows the departure of the monthly totals from the correspond-

ing normals.

Chart V.—Percentage of clear sky between sunrise and The average cloudiness at each Weather Bureau station is determined by numerous personal observations between sunrise and sunset. The difference between the observed cloudiness and 100 is assumed to represent the percentage of clear sky, and the values thus obtained are the basis of this chart. The chart does not relate to the

nighttime.

Chart VI.—Isobars at sea level, average surface temperatures, and prevailing wind directions. The pressures have been reduced to sea level and standard gravity by the method described by Prof. Frank H. Bigelow on pages 13-16 of the Review for January, 1902. pressures have also been reduced to the mean of the 24 hours by the application of a suitable correction to the mean of 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. readings at stations taking two observations daily, and to the 8 a.m. or the 8 p. m. observation, respectively, at stations taking but a single observation. The diurnal corrections so applied will be found in the Annual Report of the Chief of the Weather Bureau, 1900-1901, volume 2, Table 27, pages 140-164.

The sea level temperatures are now omitted and average surface temperatures substituted. The isotherms can not be drawn in such detail as might be desired, for data from only the regular Weather Bureau stations are used.

The prevailing wind directions are determined from hourly observations at the great majority of the stations. A few stations determine the prevailing direction from the

daily or twice-daily observations only.

Chart VII.—Total snowfall. This is based on the reports from regular and cooperative observers and shows the depth in inches of the snowfall during the month. In general, the depth is shown by lines inclosing areas of equal snowfall, but in special cases figures are also given. This chart is published only when the snowfall is sufficiently extensive to justify its preparation. The inset to this chart shows the depth of snow on the ground at the end of the month.

Charts VIII, IX, etc.—North Atlantic weather maps of particular days.